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Weather

 Today High: 77, Low: 54 Severe T-storms	 Saturday High: 64, Low: 38 Severe T-storms
 Sunday High: 64, Low: 40 Sunny	 Monday High: 73, Low: 49 Mostly Sunny

News Briefs

Class 09-15 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-15 will hold their Track Select April 1 at 5 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

Enlisted Promotions

Enlisted Promotions will be held March 31 at 4 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

Sex Signals

As part of April's sexual assault awareness month, the 14th FTW SARC will be hosting an improve-style show called "Sex Signals." "Sex Signals" is a 90-minute two-person program that includes skits that deal with subjects including dating, rape, consent and other associated topics such as body language, alcohol and intervention. The program is April 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium. While attendance is mandatory for military members 26 and under, others are encouraged to attend.

Inside



Feature 10
The Education Services Center is highlighted in this week's feature.

Crew navigates tanker out of trouble



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Hanson

Capt. Matthew Jaeger, Senior Airman Mckayla Dick and 1st Lt. Vance Feavel stand before the KC-135 Stratotanker they safely landed using Global Positioning Systems and support from a nearby C-17 Globemaster III when the navigation systems failed during a refueling sortie March 16 from Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. The crew is deployed from the 92nd Air Refueling Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. The pilot, Captain Jaeger, is originally from Croton, Ohio. Co-pilot Lieutenant Feavel is a native of North Pole, Alaska. Airman Dick, the boom operator, is originally from El Paso, Texas. For the story, see page 7.

Sexual Assault Prevention

By Amn Elena Stoffe
14th FTW Judge Advocate

Sexual assault is a 100 percent preventable crime that happens far too often in the United States. However, fully protecting yourself from sexual assault takes constant vigilance, awareness and a sound plan.

In a world where 1.3 rapes occur each minute, there's no such thing as being too careful.
If you live in an apartment complex, dormitory, or any other public residence, ensure that your entrances are always secure and locked. Do not sleep with your windows open, be sure to shut your blinds and keep the entrance to your home well lit. When walking to your door, have your

key ready before you get there. Stopping in front of your door alone can give a perpetrator the chance to attack.
Never automatically open your door to someone. Use your peephole and don't be nervous to ask for identification from salespeople, repairmen, exterminators, etc.
Carry pepper spray with you and know See PREVENTION, Page 3

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Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Col. David Reth, 14th Operations Group Commander.												IFF	223	223	1,434

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Lorenz on Leadership — Creating candor

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — If you ever have the chance to observe a flight debrief after a training sortie, you should jump at the chance. You will witness something special.

In the debrief, everyone makes constructive comments —positive and negative — regardless of their position or rank. If the flight lead did something that was incorrect or dangerous, the wingman is expected to say something about it. This is true even if the wingman is a lieutenant and the flight lead is a lieutenant colonel (or a lieutenant general). In the debrief, learning is more important than saving face.

In the flying business, it's imperative that the truth comes out — even if negative — and the best ideas are heard. That is why frankness in the debrief is so important. Perfection is the standard, and although we will never get there, we must always strive for it. This is why we are tough on each other. We discuss our shortcomings and make constructive suggestions on how to correct them. When the debrief is over and the door opens, however, we move forward as members of the same team.

Should it be any different for our other operations? I don't think so, but it takes a strong leader to create this atmosphere of candor.

In order to encourage our people to voice their alternative ideas and criticisms, we have to be confident enough in our people to listen to negative feedback and dissenting opinions, find the best way forward, then lead in a positive direction. We all like “warm fuzzies,” when people agree with our ideas and

give us positive feedback. We naturally dislike “cold pricklies,” when people disagree and point out our shortcomings. As leaders, we have to be mature enough to deal with negative feedback without punishing the source ... the best leaders encourage frank feedback, especially when it is negative.

We all have blind spots — areas where we think things are better than they are — and to correct these, we need to be aware of them. This means that we need to encourage dissenting opinions and negative feedback. We should ask open-ended questions. What are we missing? How can we do this better? What's the downside? What will other people say? When our people answer, we should welcome their inputs, even when those inputs don't cast our leadership in the best light. In the end, our time as leaders will be judged by the quality of our decisions and the accomplishments of our people. The personal price we pay in the short term for creating candor in our organizations is well worth the long-term professional and institu-

tional benefits of hearing the best ideas and eradicating our blind spots.

As followers, we must work at creating candor as well. While the leader must set the tone for open communication, it is important that those of us who voice dissenting opinions or give negative feedback do so in a way where it can have the most effect. We can't expect our leaders to be superhuman — this means we should speak in a way that doesn't turn them off immediately.

Practically speaking, this means that we should avoid using superlatives and personalizing an idea or position. For example, which critique would be easier to accept: “Boss, your decision is really stupid,” or “Boss, this decision could have had consequences for our folks.”? Remember that your goal is to influence

your boss to do the right thing. You don't want to close the line of communication before you begin.

When giving an alternative view or dissenting opinion, the more objective you are, the more effective you can be. You should avoid emotional arguments. Instead, use facts and logic to back up your position. The more homework that you do beforehand, the more likely you will win the argument.

In addition, when voicing your disagreement, be prepared to propose a solution or alternative path. This allows you to stay positive during a critique. If you can't come up with a solution, at least be honest about that up front.

If you are pointing out a blind spot for one of your leaders, strongly consider doing it in private. This is especially true if the issue is more personal in nature. It's much easier for a leader to listen to a criticism made in private — you want to avoid embarrassing your leader in public if at all possible.

We should also remember that the leader is ultimately responsible for the direction of the organization. If he or she decides to do something that you disagree with, you should voice your opinion, but be ready to accept the leader's decision. Remember, most decisions are decided based on personal experiences and are not right versus wrong, but right versus right. So long as the boss's decision isn't illegal or immoral, you should carry it out as though the idea was your own. That's the mark of a professional Airman.

Within our organizations, candor makes us stronger, and there are things we can do to create this openness while maintaining a sense of teamwork. As leaders, we should strive to set an atmosphere where dissenting opinions are welcomed. As followers, we should explain dissenting opinions with respect and objectivity. For both leaders and followers, the payoff will come as your organizations improve and grow. Consider it part of the price we pay to be the best.

We are all recruiters

Each Air Force member is an “ambassador in blue.” Each person can make a difference in someone else's decision to join the Air Force.

❑ Get involved in youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations. Be a role model in your community.

❑ Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.

❑ Talk with others about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you've had because you joined.

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First with service and support

Lt. Col. Jose Aleman
14th Force Support Squadron commander

Thank you BLAZE team for allowing me one more opportunity to pass on some thoughts about the current state of our support and services transformation. First, let me say what an honor and humbling experience it has been for me to serve as the 14th Mission Support Squadron commander and subsequently as the 14th Force Support Squadron commander for the BLAZE team. As we prepare to make one more PCS move, my family and I thank you for the wonderful memories we will carry with us of Columbus AFB and the Magnolia State.

I know you continually get bombarded with new programs and other improvements by the Air Force Personnel Center and the A1 community in an effort to maintain the transformation momentum we picked up just a couple of years ago. How many of you remember the days when we fielded the virtual Military Personnel Flight or better yet who cares to remember 2001 when we fielded the military personnel data system, affectionately known as MilPDS? Then along came BLSDM (base level systems delivery model) which was to transform the way we conducted daily personnel actions but resulted in the unintended consequence of seemingly turning every Airman into a part time personnel technician.

Never mind all these changes. The 'big one' actually happened when the Air Force approved merging the mission support and services squadrons. This one certainly required drinking from the paradigm shift fire hose. However, we took this huge opportunity head on to improve the services we provide our customer – you!

Nearly 15 months after the transformation merger, the 14th FSS is proud to say we like to live up to our squadron motto of "First with Service and Support." This is because we're entrusted to provide the highest quality of life support and services for our BLAZE team Airmen and their families. Graduating a class every three weeks of the world's best pilots takes world class service and support and no one does it better than the men and women of the 14th FSS. I know this may sound like a cliché, but I challenge anyone to find a more persistent and committed force support team anywhere in the Air Force than your team here at Columbus AFB.

First, consider the very makeup of your 230 plus strong 14th FSS team: nearly 80 percent being nonappropriated employees with the other 20 percent consisting of GS/NSPS employees and military members. Second, the area of responsibility is almost mind bog-

Your FSS team showed their unwavering persistence and commitment to excellence just a few weeks ago as the BLAZE team hosted nearly 100 of the command's top leaders.

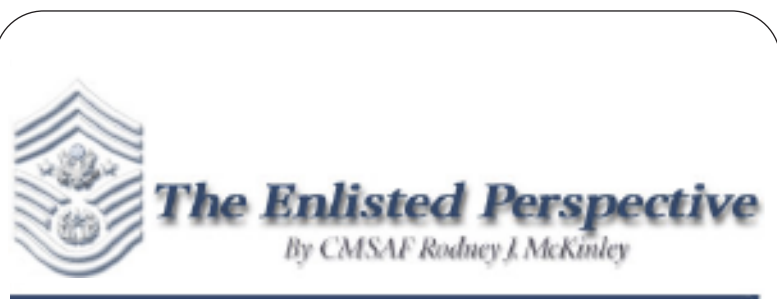
gling with services as diverse as child care to education to gourmet coffee and programs that are just as far reaching – serving nearly 2,000 active duty and reserve and nearly 10,000 retired military personnel and eligible dependents.

Your FSS team showed their unwavering persistence and commitment to excellence just a few weeks ago as the BLAZE team hosted nearly 100 of the command's top leaders. And we did so in style, showcasing our newly renovated consolidated club and excellent lodging facilities. On a daily basis we also provide top quality after-school care for school age youth and still manage to provide other superb services to improve the morale, welfare and recreation of our BLAZE team. Services such as the Strike Zone Lanes, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Outdoor Recreation, Information Tickets and Tours, Arts and Crafts, Auto Hobby and certainly a top notch Library. We operate the only nationally accredited childcare facility in a 60-mile radius.

We'll continue to transform the way we do business...for example the recently tested Air Force Accountability and Assessment System was a great success and will make it easier for commanders at all levels to quickly gain accountability of personnel and dependents in the event of a disaster.

Also in progress is a system to give commanders and trusted agent's greater access to personnel records for members of their squadron versus having to request such records from the military personnel section (formerly the military personnel flight). In other words, don't get too comfortable as there will be many more transformation efforts from the A1 community so keep an open mind and don't shut off the paradigm change fire hose just yet.

Thank you for all the well wishes as I prepare for my 365 deployment and thank you for keeping Alberta and the girls in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to make the journey back home to San Antonio, Texas. A special thank you to the men and women of the 14th Force Support Squadron for being persistent (remember never give up) and for your commitment to making Columbus AFB the best base not just in AETC but in the entire U.S. Air Force.



Women's History Month

Women have had a long and proud heritage of military service to our nation. Their distinguished lineage in the Air Force extends from the members who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II to today's Airmen who perform with distinction across our great Air Force

The Women in the Air Force—WAF—was established by President Harry S. Truman in 1948, shortly after our Air Force became a separate service. WAF were the first to serve as active duty Airmen and worked in a variety of career fields, but most were concentrated in the clerical and medical specialties. The first WAF was Staff Sergeant Esther Blake. She had already served with distinction since 1944, and on July 8, 1948, became the first female to enlist in the regular Air Force. She remained on active-duty until 1954.

When I enlisted in 1974, WAF Airmen were still in service. They lived in separate facilities, but worked alongside men just like any other Airmen. As all Airmen do, their innovativeness and devotion to duty served to make our Air Force stronger. I was pleased when, in 1976, women were recruited into the military using the same standards as men.

Today, women make up nearly 20% of our Air Force, and are integral to every facet of operations. These Airmen are performing valiantly in military operations around the globe. They are leading convoys through the IED-infested roads of Iraq and Afghanistan, and flying tactical aerial airlift as well as combat attack missions, to name but a few of their critical roles. They serve in key leadership positions at every level - civilian, officer, and enlisted. These Airmen perform with steadfast dedication in every task set before them, and bring a dimension to our Air Force that we could not function without.

I am proud of all our Airmen, and I am especially thankful we have set this time aside to recognize and honor the contributions of the women who serve our Air Force. Their service and sacrifice over the years have been a great example to the military and the American public. I am grateful that our Air Force is a service where all Airmen stand shoulder-to-shoulder as they accomplish our important mission.



Base community volunteering opportunities available

Jana Hall
14th Force Support Squadron

According to many recent reports, volunteerism is on the rise and poised for even more growth during these difficult financial times as momentum for service grows across the country. No one is immune to what is going on with our nation's economy, even within the protective perimeter fence of a military installation. As this is the case, volunteer opportunities are abundant and ever present at Columbus AFB.

Our active youth center is always a good place to start for someone looking to volunteer his or her time and talents to better this little community.

"We need the generous service of many volunteers year round in order to pull off the many programs and activities we have going for our youth here," said Kayline Hamilton, Director of Youth Services.

Need for volunteer help at the youth center ranges from one-time service opportunities for special events to decorating the bulletin boards to ongoing programs like coaching youth sports, Hamilton said.

"We currently need about 20 volunteers to assist with the Spring Fling on April 4," Hamilton said. "This event historically pulls in 400-500 folks and we just don't have the staff to handle it all on our own."

Another upcoming event requiring eight to 10 volunteers is the Kids Run and Field Day scheduled for May 16. Hamilton said the youth center also needs volunteers to share their talents and experience, whatever they may be, in mini-camps this summer.

"Sewing, cooking, basketball, basket-weaving — it doesn't matter," Hamilton said. "If you have a talent to share, bring it on!"

Also, coaches are needed for T-ball, baseball and possibly

girls' softball this summer, Hamilton said.

Volunteers are needed in other FSS activities and for base-wide events as well. For example, the Columbus Club's Monte Carlo events would not be possible without the many volunteer dealers, said Marketing Director Pam Wickham.

"The Child Development Center always has a need for volunteers to come in and read to the children," said Director Martha Mann. "We would love to see folks who can share a musical or crafting talent with the children, and we welcome those who just want to come in and rock our babies."

Any community, whether it be a military installation, small town or large city, is only as good as its members and their active support of and participation in that community.

Anyone interested in volunteer opportunities at the youth center or CDC should call Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504 or Ms. Mann at 434-2479. For other volunteer opportunities, contact the FSS marketing office at 434-2337.

Springtime offers base families a variety of fun activities

Club membership drive

The Columbus Club is conducting a club membership drive and current members have an opportunity to earn extra entries into the drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card or two \$100 Visa gift cards. The drawing will be held April 16 at 6 p.m. at the club's Spirit Night. For more information about the club and membership benefits, contact the marketing office at 434- 2337.

Spring Fling egg hunt

This annual program is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon April 4 at Freedom Park. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The egg hunt is open to youth, ages 1 to 12. Carnival games, activities, demonstrations and more will be available. For more information call 434- 2504.

Summer day camp registration

The youth center's school age program begins registration for the summer day camp for school age children April 6. A \$10 deposit is required for each week to hold a space for your child. Cost is based on total family income and all meals, entrance fees, supplies, etc. are included in the cost. There are limited spaces available. For more information, call 434-2504.

Instructors needed for youth mini-camps

The youth center is seeking instructors for mini camps for the summer. If you have a talent you would like to share with base youth, contact the youth center by April 15. Camps may be three to five days in length. Instructors may charge a fee or provide camp for free. Camp registration will begin April 28 at the youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

White water rafting trip

The outdoor adventure program offers this trip May 29-31 but the deadline to register is April 15 at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation, chalet lodging and meals on Saturday and rafting the middle river on the Ocoee. For more information, call 434-7861.

Disney summer trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60 percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available. For more information, call 434-2507.

Air Force Space Camp

The Air Force Services Family Member Programs is excited to sponsor the Air Force Space Camp Program at the US Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala., July 26 to Aug. 1. Youth, ages 12 to 18, will experience, imagine and interact through Space Shuttle mission simulations, tours of the center and the chance to witness first-hand the everyday challenges faced by astronauts. The camp is an inspiring week of fun and enriching space activities. This program is open to family members of Air Force active duty military, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees or activated Air National Guard or Air Force reserve.

Applications must be submitted to the youth center by April 17. For more information, visit www.afyouthprograms.com or call the youth center at 434- 2504.

Memphis in May

The information, ticket and travel office will offer a Memphis in May trip May 16-7. Cost is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$135 per person with three to a room or \$125 per person with 4 to a room. Cost includes transportation, lodging with breakfast included and entry both days. Departing at 8 a.m. Saturday and returning at 9 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 16 registered by May 2 to offer.

Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the lobby. Upcoming classes include making a tissue paper rainbow, a bug catcher, butterfly wind chimes, a shamrock necklace, a decorative Spring fence with flower pots, an Easter egg ornament and an Easter Bunny door wreath. Kids crafts classes are \$5 each and adult classes range from \$10 to \$20 depending on the class. The kids crafts can be purchased "to go" for just \$3. Parents provide the glue, markers and scissors. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

Month of the military child art show

The youth center and child development center are hosting this event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 at the Services Complex. Refreshment will be served. Stop in to view the artistic creations of our youth. For more information, call 434- 2504.

Base stables open house

In an effort to promote equine awareness, the base stables are hosting an open house from 9 a.m. to noon April 18. There will be riding and round pen exhibitions and demonstrations about base horse care and the different breeds of horses. For more information, call 434- 2337.

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Tech. Sgt. Harry Kibbe
376th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan — “Any aircraft, any station, this is Shell 73. Emergency. We’ve lost complete navigational capability. Request assistance.”

This was the mayday call from Capt. Matthew Jaeger as he and the crew of Shell 73, a KC-135 Stratotanker from Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, flew somewhere over the border of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Captain Jaeger was on the 13th flight of his first deployment as an aircraft commander when both of his flight navigation systems failed, leaving the pilot of just more than two years unsure of where his current path would take his crew and plane.

“We were trying to diagnose the problem the entire time, going through our checklists, but nothing we did was solving it,” Captain Jaeger said.

To make matters worse, all geographic landmarks below were hidden by heavy cloud cover, so the crew couldn't rely on visual references to guide them back to Manas AB or to an alternate landing site. Even if they had been able to steer themselves home, poor weather conditions prevented them from landing at Manas AB, where the airfield was socked in by rain and clouds.

“I remembered the basics: Aviate, navigate, communicate,” Captain Jaeger said. “We had plenty of fuel, and we knew that our altitude

was high enough to keep us safely above the mountainous terrain.”

Realizing that landing at Manas AB was out of the question, Captain Jaeger decided to divert Shell 73 south toward Afghanistan, knowing that he had to be particularly careful to not enter Chinese or Iranian airspace.

“I knew that the weather was good at Bagram (Airfield in Afghanistan) from our mission brief,” he said. “We had to land at a field where we could use visual flight rules; one where we could see the runway and manually input our landing data.”

Flying on standby instruments, Captain Jaeger had to think on his toes; quickly. He told the boom operator, Senior Airman McKayla Dick, to grab the handheld Global Positioning System out of the aircraft survival kit.

“My whole mentality was just to stay calm,” Airman Dick said. “I had to help out as much as I could so we could get out of this situation.”

The move by Captain Jaeger to use the handheld GPS garnered great admiration from those in his chain of command.

“In my experience, something like this has never happened before,” said Lt. Col. Patrick Rhatigan, the 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron commander who has 18 years of experience as a pilot. “For him to pull out the handheld GPS shows a level of maturity and quick thinking not usually seen in junior aircraft commanders.”

The out-of-the-box thinking worked. The crew used the GPS to verify they were on a

heading to cross the border into Afghanistan, where they would be able to call for support from coalition aircraft.

“For about five minutes it was pretty tense, but once I knew we were on a vector south toward Afghanistan, that’s when it started to calm down,” said 1st Lt. Vance Feavel, co-pilot of Shell 73, who like the rest of the crew is deployed from the 92nd Air Refueling Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

Now in Afghanistan, and within contact range of Kabul air control, Captain Jaeger was able to issue the mayday call.

“We contacted Kabul, explained our situation and gave our position using the GPS,” Captain Jaeger said. “We then asked for a relay to see if we could get another plane to rendezvous with us.”

Not far away, Moose 75, a C-17 Globemaster III deployed out of the 16th Airlift Squadron from Charleston AFB, S.C., was on an airdrop mission when they heard the call and diverted to intercept Shell 73.

“Judy, I gotcha!” called out Lieutenant Feavel as he established visual confirmation with the C-17 just 20 minutes after the first mayday call.

Moose 75 was then able to lead Captain Jaeger and his crew to Bagram Airfield where they set up a holding pattern.

“Bagram is basically in a bowl of mountains,” Captain Jaeger said. “Moose 75 was able to take us into a holding pattern and then lead us through a hole in the clouds before guiding our descent for a visual approach.”

“It was a relief to know that we were able to land safely with the help of Moose 75 and Kabul air control,” said Lieutenant Feavel after the crew of Shell 73 was back on the ground.

Once at Bagram Airfield, the crew’s fortunes continued. The transient alert contractors that marshaled them to their parking spot were both former KC-135 crew chiefs. They responded immediately, checking out the navigational systems onboard. After successfully rebooting the systems and finding nothing wrong, Shell 73 started up for the flight back to Manas AB.

After just three hours on the ground at Bagram Airfield, Captain Jaeger and his crew were airborne and Shell 73 was navigating its way back home.

Once back at Manas AB, the crew got a good night’s rest and were back on the flying schedule the following day, flying yet another refueling mission over Afghanistan.

“We got back without any real issues,” Captain Jaeger said. “It was a real learning experience, but we couldn’t have done it without the help we were fortunate to receive from the C-17 crew and those on the ground.”

“As a pilot who’s flown the C-17 and KC-135, I’m really proud of how both crews teamed up, relied on their training, and pulled the rabbit out of the hat to keep us off the front page news,” Colonel Rhatigan said. “The outcome is a real testimony to the level-headed professionals carrying out the mission in the air and on the ground.”

Deterrence still key to national security, general says

Samantha L. Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Deterrence remains as central to America’s national security as it was during the Cold War, U.S. Strategic Command’s top officer told the Senate Armed Services Committee March 19.

“Our unique global perspective has given us a good platform for advocating for the nation’s needs for missile defense; information operations; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities; and the things we need to both enhance our information operations and our planning for combating weapons of mass destruction,” Gen. Kevin P. Chilton told the senators. “Your support is critical to enabling successful execution across the command’s assigned missions.”

Part of that mission is a strategic deterrence plan, which Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates approved last year, General Chilton said. The plan depends on many pieces, including a safe, secure, reliable and sustainable nuclear enterprise, command and control systems, ISR platforms and people.

“Space-based capabilities provide our nation and our forces essential, but often unnoticed, abilities to act and operate,” General Chilton said.

Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has substantially reduced its deployed nuclear weapons, dismantled production capability and ceased nuclear testing, he said. Despite the nation’s steps to reduce its nuclear arsenal, other states still seek nuclear weapons.

“Many of our closest allies continue to rely on the U.S. nuclear umbrella,” he added. “This reliance should be considered as we look forward to address nuclear proliferation issues.”

The most urgent issues surrounding the country’s nuclear enterprise lie with the aging stockpile, infrastructure and human capital, General Chilton said. Relieving the growing uncertainty about the stockpile’s reliability and sustainability is critical in

the upcoming year.

Space-based capabilities also are a concern for STRATCOM, but the command has made progress on this front in regard to its mission of deterrence.

“Space-based capabilities provide our nation and our forces essential, but often unnoticed, abilities to act and operate,” General Chilton said. “The satellite constellations that carry these capabilities, however, require more careful attention to eliminate delays that can leave us just one launch failure away from an unacceptable gap in coverage in the future.”

Computer network communications has emerged as a key warfighting domain as well, and it’s one on which all other domains in the warfighting environment depend, he said.

“We remain concerned about growing threats in cyberspace, and are pressing changes in the department’s fundamental network, culture, conduct and capabilities to address this mission area and share our best practices,” General Chilton said. “Still, the adequate positioning of the cyber mission ... remains our greatest need.”

Base News

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Civilian Call date change

This months Civilian Call has been moved from March 20 to Tuesday, March 31 at 2 p.m.

Drug Education for Youth

The DEFY program promotes team building, goal setting, substance abuse, resistance skills and increases self-confidence for youth. This is a free program for dependents of active duty members, DOD civilians, retirees and contract employees' ages 9 to 12 years old. DEFY Summer Leadership Camp is scheduled for June 17-26 and will be held at the Columbus AFB Chapel Annex. Applications are available at the Chapel, Youth Center and Drug Demand Testing Office, located in the 14th Medical Group building. Deadline for application is May 30. For more information please call 434-2353 or 434-2133.

Magnet School Lotteries soon

This fall, the Columbus Municipal School District will begin the second year of magnet schools; and as in last year, in order to be assigned to the theme of choice, parents and students must enter the lottery. School choice forms are available via several methods; they will be sent home with current CMSD students, at the CMSD Central Services Office on McArthur Drive, or at the CAFB School Liaison Office located in building 730, room 202A. CMSD officials urge parents to get their children signed up for the lottery early to ensure their children are placed in their first choice. In the past, upwards of 97 percent of students receive their first choice. The deadline for submitting lottery applications is today at 4 p.m. The lottery for the 2009-10 school year will be conducted on April 17th. Additional information is available on the CMSD Website at www.columbuscityschools.org or you may contact the CAFB School Liaison at 434-2792.

Mississippi State University summer camps

Mississippi State University offers a wide variety of Summer Camps and Workshops for our young folks. The areas include: Soccer, Natural Resources, Transportation Institute, and Women in Action; other areas are being considered and will be added as they are approved. Several of the activities are Residential Camps and many are Day Camps. For a complete run-down, view the MSU 2009 Summer Camp website at: <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/summercamps/camplistings.php> or con-

tact the School Liaison at 434-2792.

Operation Purple Summer Camps

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for its popular Operation Purple Summer Camps. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of any uniformed service member, active duty or reserve component. Apply online at <http://www.operationpurple.org/>. This year the National Military Family Association will host more than 9,000 military children at Operation Purple camps in 62 locations in 37 states and territories: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Information about specific camp locations is available at <http://www.operationpurple.org/>. Registration will be open until midnight EDT April 20. Priority is given to military children with a parent deployed or deploying anytime between September 2008 and December 2009 and have not had the opportunity to attend an Operation Purple camp in the past. Camps are free to all participants' thanks to support from the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation.

DAPS Hours change

Effective immediately the Columbus AFB DAPS will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tax Services

H&R Block will be providing tax preparation services through April 15, 2009. They will be located in the Columbus AFB Exchange. Please call Tom Darnell at 434-0070 for more information or to set up an appointment as hours will vary.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the

Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Contemporary Movie Showings

Join us at the Columbus AFB Chapel the last Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for fun, food and fellowship, as we watch a contemporary movie, have dinner and discuss what God has planned for us. Please call the chapel at 434-2500 to sign-up. There is no fee for this class. There is no childcare available.

Schedule as follows:
Sense and Sensibility: April 30

Weight Loss with Wisdom

It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call the Chapel office at 434-2500.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you have a supply problem? Do you need a status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Service Element is the single point of contact requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact customer service at 434-7178.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Smooth Move Briefing

The next Smooth Move Briefing will be April 14 from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Learn what

to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records and the Airman and Family Readiness Center during your move. Advance registration required. Must register no later than 10 a.m. the day of the workshop. To register call 434-2790.

Resume and Cover Letters

A Workshop on writing resumes and cover letters for employment will be held April 1 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Wing Newcomer's Orientation

Newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel may attend the newcomer's orientation Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Lunch and Learn

Today's Lunch and Learn and will focus on parent-child communication. Bring your lunch, event starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 12 p.m.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Thursday: 5 p.m. — Choir Practice
Sunday: 3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass
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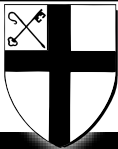
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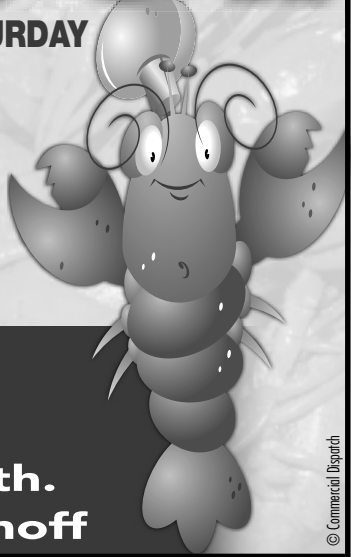
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◆ Did you know that a women named Mao Hengfeng was jailed and lost her job in China for refusing to abort her 3rd child under China's family planning regulations?

◆ Did you know that before being named a Saint, Joan of Arc lead France through several victorious battles during the Hundred Years' War ?

◆ Did you know that Martha Beatriz Roque Cabello is the founder of Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba?

14SFS demo MWD to Warren Central High students



Students from Warren Central High School Choice's Club, Vicksburg Miss., watch as Tech. Sgt. Jacob Hogan, 14th Security Forces Squadron military working dog kennel master, and Leon, a military working dog assigned to the 14th SFS, demonstrate Leon's capabilities March 18 at the Columbus Air Force Base kennel.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

HPV and Gardasil: the facts

Senior Airman Tina Jefferson
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Human Papillomavirus, also known as HPV or genital warts, is everywhere and HPV infections are more the norm than the exception. It is a highly contagious sexually transmitted infection and it is the most common STI in the U.S. with an estimated 20 million Americans currently infected.

Out of the six million new HPV cases a year, 74 percent of them are in people aged 15 – 24. One-in-two sexually active males and females are infected with HPV, and many of them are unaware that they're infected.

There is no cure for HPV but it can be treated once diagnosed. HPV is important mainly because it can cause cervical cancer and 70 percent of all cervical cancer cases in the world are caused by HPV. Cervical Cancer affects approximately 11,000 women a year and it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women worldwide.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the only way you can fully protect yourself is to completely avoid sexual activity that involves genital contact. For those who are sexually active, condoms may lower their chances of getting HPV, if used all the time and the right way. But, condoms do not provide full protection against HPV because areas not covered by the condom can still be infected


or exposed to the virus.

HPV can also be prevented by having only one sexual partner and remaining monogamous for life, but, the individual would have to guarantee that her partner has behaved similarly throughout their lives. Although these ways are ideal, the CDC recommends routine vaccination with the Gardasil Vaccine.

Gardasil is an inactive (not live) vaccine which mimics the disease and creates resistance within the body. It prevents infection against 4 types of HPV that cause genital warts, and cervical cancer at 95 to 100 percent effectiveness.

Routine vaccination for this vaccine is recommended for girls 11- 12 years of age. But the vaccine can be given as early as nine-years-old. Ideally, girls should get this vaccine before their first sexual contact when they could be exposed to HPV. This is because the vaccine prevents disease in girls who have not previously acquired one or more types of HPV prevented by the vaccine. It does not work as well for those who were exposed to the virus before getting the vaccine. But individuals who have been diagnosed with HPV can still get the vaccine, for protection against one of the other types. Individuals aged 13 – 26, who have not previously been vaccinated are also recommended to receive the vaccine.

Gardasil is given as a three dose series, with all three shots



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administered within a six month time period. The vaccine is still new and more research is being done to determine how long the protection of the vaccine will last, but at this time additional boosters are not recommended. Gardasil can be administered at the same time as other vaccines and does not appear to cause any serious side effects.

However, a vaccine, like any medicine can potentially cause problems such as allergic reaction, but the risk of the vaccine causing serious harm are extremely small. Most common reactions are pain, redness or swelling at the injection site, mild to moderate fever and itching. These symptoms do not last long and usually go away on their own within a few hours.

If you or your daughter is interested in beginning the HPV vaccine series or would like additional information, please contact the 14th Medical Group Immunization Clinic directly at 434-2187 or come to the Women's Health Fair on March 28 between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Dr. Michelle Brown will also be briefing on the Gardasil vaccine at 8 a.m. at the Women's Health Fair. Also, for more information you can visit www.fda.gov or www.cdc.gov.

Father, son help AFJROTC tour base

2nd Lt. Chad Haring
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

This week Columbus Air Force Base hosted the Destrehan High School AF Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment LA-932 annual base tour.

The 36 cadets that made the trip from New Orleans, La., are only a small part of the detachment's 210 cadets.

The detachment's commander, retired Lt. Col. Chuck Mielke lauded Columbus AFB for their "unbelievable hospitality and accommodation year-after-year."

Capt. Brant Mielke, Colonel Mielke's son, was able to accompany the tour and answer many questions and give insight on the daily life of a military member

The cadet's tour included both T-6A Texan II and T-38C Talon simulators, a military working dog demonstration, an aerospace physiology visit, and RAPCON and fire department tour.

"It's Important to show cadets numerous aspects of military life and show them the many opportunities to continue their education," Colonel Mielke said.

Colonel Mielke, a former T-38 first-assignment instructor pilot and B-52 pilot retired in 2000 and has been a part of the Louisiana AFJROTC ever since, he said.

Captain Mielke has been a T-1 instructor pilot with the 43rd Flying Training Squadron for the past two years. The father-son team was able to give the cadets a unique experience from two veteran military aviators who were able to show the cadets a bit of the past, present and their possible future.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
(Far left) Capt. Brant Mielke, 43rd Flying Training Squadron, and his father retired Lt. Col. Chuck Mielke, a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor with Destrehan High School outside New Orleans, La., talk to AFJROTC cadets during a base tour March 20.

Nature Trail

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call 434-7958



Columbus Pilgrimage 10k Run

The Columbus Pilgrimage 10K Run will be held April 4 at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center and Museum. The race will wind through the Southside Historic District, Mississippi State University for Women and along the river walk. Registration is from 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m., the race begins at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$17 if post marked before tomorrow, or \$20 on race day. For more information please contact 327-7688.

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

The Columbus Arts Council will present The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra at Rent Auditorium, Mississippi University for Women campus, at 7 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are \$20; or \$15 for seniors and school-age

children, they are available at the Rosenzweig Arts Center, 501 Main St. at the door. Or you may contact the RAC at 328-2787.

Clean Sweep Columbus

The 69th annual Columbus Pilgrimage is right around the corner and you can help us prepare to welcome visitors from around the globe. Walk through area neighborhoods, along the pilgrimage route, and Highway 45 to pick-up any litter, limbs, or trash on sidewalks and in the street. "Clean Sweep Columbus" will begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow, at various locations. Call Meagan at 327-0807 for details.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

console to monitor heart rate, calorie burn or steps. Very good condition, \$100. Please call 356-6787.

For sale: Oak dining table and six chairs, rectangle extends to 96 inches with two leaves, \$300, please call 356-6787.

For sale: Brown leather couch and love seat (8ft and 6ft) for sale; \$750 OBO. Can e-mail pictures if wanted.

For sale: Capri pants/denim, sizes from 3x to 20W. Asking \$4 each. Denim Tommy Hilfiger knee length skirt and Izod cropped denim jeans, both are size 20W and still have tags attached. Asking \$20 each. Black sleeveless dress with semi-sheer jacket, size 24W, worn only one time. Asking \$15. Quacker Factory terry swimsuit cover-up, 3x, green with palm trees, never worn. Asking \$10. Please call 343-4697.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Murray riding lawn mower 38" cut, 12 hp, \$150. Pick up bed top- per, black, windows on all sides, locking back lift door, off a Dodge Dakota \$250. Draw tight trailer hitch fits full size autos \$50. Please call 356-0280.

For sale: Bowflex full body home gym. Used only once. Completely assembled and ready to be moved. Bought for \$1400 about six months ago. Asking \$900. Call 228-424-5237.

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Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Print advertisement _____

Name _____

Home Telephone # _____ Duty Telephone # _____
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Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.
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I will never leave an Airman behind,
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Weekly Lenten Schedule

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WWW.COLUMBUSFUMC.ORG

Communion Services

Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Lenten Luncheon

Friday, March 27 • Noon in the Artz Fellowship Hall

Fred Brown

Rev. Fred Brown is the pastor of St. James Methodist in Columbus. He is a graduate of Rust College and Gammon Theological Seminary. Rev. Brown's pastoral appointments include Greenville, Ruleville -Mound Bayou, Holly Springs and Griffin in Starkville. He was appointed to the Greenwood District as Superintendent and was Administrative Assistant to the Bishop in 2004. Rev. Brown retired in 2004 and was appointed as a retired pastor to St. James Methodist in 2005.

Rev. Brown is married to Emma Lesure Brown of Holly Springs, MS and they have two sons and two daughters and ten grandchildren.

His motto is "We don't have to treat everybody the same, but we are to treat everyone right".

THE AMERICAN LEGION, POST 69



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SUNDAY MORNINGS
(Beginning Oct. 19): 8:17 am (See Pro. 8:17 KJV)
Early Worship Service
9:30 am: Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am: Worship Service
(Children's Church for ages 4 - 2nd grade)

SUNDAY EVENINGS
(September - May) 4:00 pm: Jr. Varsity & Varsity A.W.A.N.A.
(Jr. Varsity: ages 6,7,8 grades; Varsity: High School)
(September - May) 4:15 pm: Club A.W.A.N.A.
(for Ages 3 yr. old - 5th Grade)
(June - August) 5:00 pm: Summer Blast for Children
(Ages 3 yr. old - 5th Grade)
(June - August) 5:00 pm: Youth Discipleship Training
5:00 pm: Discipleship Training for Adults
6:00 pm: Worship
7:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
@ 6:30 pm
Mission Friends: ages 3 - 5
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Bullock, Montoya selected for SrA BTZ




(Left) Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presents Airman 1st Class Nekedra Bullock, 14th Security Forces Squadron, with her senior airman below-the-zone selection certificate March 19 at the monthly Columbus Air Force Base dorm dinner, held at the base chapel. (Right) Colonel Watkins presents Airman 1st Class Alexandria Montoya, 14th FTW command post, with her senior airman BTZ selection certificate March 19. The senior airman below-the-zone program allows outstanding Airmen the chance to be promoted to E-4 six months early.



U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin



DID YOU KNOW...?



Leave requests

- ◆ All leave requests which result in a member having a negative leave balance over 30 days must be approved by HQ AFPC/DPS-FOC.
- ◆ For all members taking leave in overseas area must comply with foreign government procedures as required by AFI 24-405, Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Guide, to include the DoD Travel Security Advisory.
- ◆ Leave begins and ends in the local area. The local area is the place where the member lives and from which he or she commutes to the duty station. Charge leave for duty days and non-duty days (for example, Friday through Monday) when members take leave on the day before and the day after non-duty days. This applies to leave taken in the local area.

Any questions can be directed to the base leave monitor at 434-2624 or 2626.

PREVENTION

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how to use it. It seems dramatic, but it's better to have to protection and not need it than the other way around. A small fold up knife can also be very effective to deter attackers.

Nightclubs, bars, and parties can be dangerous places if you are not aware of your surroundings. Remember that alcohol is the number one date rape drug. Know your drinking limit and stick to it. Do not set your drink down and then come back to it later. Do not drink anything that you did not open or mix yourself. At the end of the night, know where your friends are and make sure they know where you are. Use the buddy system and stick with a friend the whole night, do not leave each other behind.

Do not let people "crash" at your place, keeping in mind that 80 percent of sexual assault victims knew their attacker. At the end of the night, do not be tempted to stay at someone else's house, call a cab or a sober friend instead.

If you are put in an uncomfortable situation do what

you can to talk your way out of it. Say that you have somewhere to be or that a friend needs you, scream for help or run away. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable or something doesn't seem right, trust your instincts and leave.

If the unthinkable happens, remember that you are not alone. Contact the police department or your local SARC right away. The Columbus AFB SARC contact number is 434-2875, and the 24/7 phone number is 386-0811.

As part of April's sexual assault awareness month, the 14th FTW SARC will be hosting an improve-style show called "Sex Signals". The program, which has been presented at many universities and colleges, was created by Catharsis Productions, an organization that uses innovative methods to educate audiences on social issues.

"Sex Signals" is a 90-minute two-person program that includes skits that deal with subjects including dating, rape, consent and other associated topics such as body language, alcohol and intervention.

The program is April 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium. While attendance is mandatory for military members 26 and under, others are encouraged to attend.

Senior leaders host Airmen at Dorm Dinner



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Enlisted dormitory residents browse through the buffet line at the Dorm Dinner held March 19 at the Chapel Annex. This dinner was hosted by senior leaders of Columbus AFB for the Airmen.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 57 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



New personnel viewing system to launch Wednesday

14th Force Support Squadron

The Personnel Records Display Application pronounced PRaDA, is an electronic viewer for the Automated Records Management System. PRDA contains Role Based Access which will allow commanders, supervisors, first sergeants and many others access in the performance of their official duties and within their jurisdiction to view both enlisted and officer Unit Personnel Record Groups.

In some cases the access and/or jurisdiction will have to be manually assigned while in many cases is derived from the

data in the Military Personnel Data System, the Defense Civilian Personnel Data Base, and the Air Force Promotion System. Access to PRDA is via the virtual Personnel Services Center along with ADP on AFPC SECURE and the AF Portal. If you have used the Airman Development Plan Application, PRDA is the tab just below ADP.

The AF-wide release of this new system is Wednesday and Airmen filling roles such as raters; wing, group, and squadron commanders; command chief master sergeants; first sergeants; and individual members will have access without having to be delegated.

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Air Force 'Switching Seats' with NASCAR campaign

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force, along with its contract advertising agency GSD&M Idea City, launches the multimedia marketing campaign "Switching Seats" March 23 in support of its NASCAR partnership.

The campaign centers on the parallels between Air Force and NASCAR high-performance jobs, and focuses on No. 43 driver Reed Sorenson and crewmembers engaged in each others' jobs.

"Switching job roles with someone can be a rewarding and educational experience — especially when your job is to pilot an F-15 (Eagle) fighter jet or drive a car going more than 200 mph," said Christa D'Andrea, the public affairs chief for Air Force Recruiting Service here. "This campaign allows people to experience the hands-on, minds-on and problem-solving tactics of both the Air Force and NASCAR."

The campaign includes a new NASCAR Web site <http://airforce.com/interactive/nascar/> located on the recently redesigned airforce.com that documents the job-switching activities. In a series of Webisodes, Mr.

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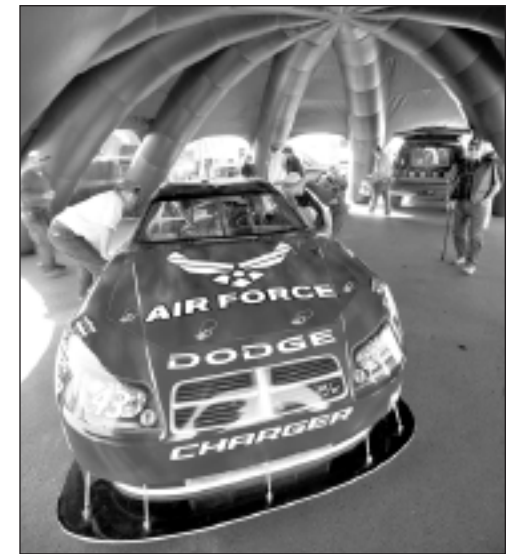
Sorenson and his crew participate in Basic Military Training, a 30,000-foot air refueling mission and an F-15 orientation ride, while Air Force men and women join the car No. 43 crew in a NASCAR pit stop while racing against the clock.

"Switching Seats" is designed to appeal to young NASCAR fans who are mechanically and technically inclined and whose interests are similar to other young men and women choosing to pursue those interests as part of an Air Force career, said Capt. Richard Solorzano, the AFRS Advertising Branch chief.

The Web site features advanced interactive capabilities including a tracker that uses Air Force Global Positioning System technology to monitor where the No. 43 car is at any time. The site also has a "Reed Fanzone" where fans can submit questions to the driver, and he will respond with a video message. Fans can also download car-care tips and No. 43 pit crew and Air Force special operations workout routines. Other site features include poll questions and fun facts about NASCAR.

Online banner ads complement the Web site and will also run on NASCAR, Yahoo! Sports, Sports Illustrated, and Fox Sports Web sites through July 2009. A 30-second TV spot supporting the campaign will air in 10 NASCAR markets.

In November 2008, the Air Force announced both a primary and associate sponsorship with Richard Petty Motorsports, formerly known as Gillett Evernham Motorsports, for the No. 43 car driven by Mr. Sorenson. As a primary sponsor, the car will feature the Air Force paint scheme in four of 38 NASCAR races this season.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Jack Braden
Race fans view the new Air Force sponsored No. 43 Dodge Feb. 28 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Nevada. The Air Force paint scheme will be on the track in 2009 at Dover International Speedway, Del., Talladega Superspeedway, Ala., Daytona International Speedway, Fla., and Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C.

Sports Shorts

Fitness Classes: The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Lunch, Bowl Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

Cosmic Bowling: Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

Intramural Basketball Scores

Game 1: 14th OSS 52 L 14th CES 59 W

Game 2: 14th CS 54 W 14th MDG 45 L

Game 3: 14th SFS 48 W 48th FTS 33 L

Don't Drink and Drive

Long Term Events

Apr. 14-16 - 19th AF CCC Visits
Apr. 14 - OSC Social
Apr. 15 - Taxes due

Apr. 16 - Spirit Night @ Club
Apr. 21 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
Apr. 22 - Class 10-01 Track Select
Apr. 24 - Class 09-08 Graduation

Education Services Center helps train, educate Airmen



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
The Education Services Center offers numerous testing options to help Airmen supplement their education, including CLEP, DANTES and Excelsior college-level examinations.

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Airmen serving in the U.S. Air Force have numerous opportunities to continue their training and education, under a great number of programs – sometimes it might get a little confusing.

Luckily, the Air Force is ready for any confusion. The personnel at the Education Services Center are trained and ready to help with questions, whether about the Community College of the Air Force, or about how to use their veteran's education benefits.

"The services we provide here focus on off-duty volunteer education and non-resident professional military education," said Edward Hodge, education services officer. "The Air Force puts a large emphasis on education. I think it falls right in line with the total force/whole person concept."

Mr. Hodge said an educated member is a great asset to the Air Force, and the ESC is there to help them begin, or continue, their education.

He said college education has become part of the promotion systems of both officer and enlisted members; CCAF degrees are now required for senior enlisted, and a masters degree is one of the factors officer promotion boards consider.

"We live in a complex world and our military members deal with complex issues," Mr. Hodge said. "Through education and training Airmen develop the skills to think critically and solve complex issues."

Airmen can get this training and education in numerous ways, he said. The ESC is there to help and advice on/with CCAF degrees; CLEP, DANTES and Excelsior college examinations; tuition assistance; non-resident professional military education and PME testing; veteran's education benefits; and the various commissioning programs.

Mr. Hodge said while they're glad to give general advice on the various colleges and degree programs they are only able to give detailed advice and degree planning assistance to enlisted members pursuing their CCAF degree. Any BLAZE Team member can take advantage of the ESC's general education advice, including military members, civilian personnel and dependents.

"With the boom in distance learning, servicemembers have literally thousands of choice for how to pursue a degree," he said.

He said Airmen can use their \$4,500 per fiscal year in tuition assistance to pursue any degree they like, whether it's their CCAF, bachelors degree, or any other.

"When it comes to tuition assistance it works the same way whether you're an officer or enlisted," he said. "There is no limitation on which degree; it only needs to be offered by an college accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education."

He also said there's another way to make use of their tuition assistance.

"Probably the least known fact about tuition assistance is that servicemembers may use it to take a foreign language course, even if it's not part of a degree program," Mr. Hodge said.

He added the language must be a language approved by the Air Force.

Anyone with questions about the ESC or any program it offers, please call 434-2562.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
The Education Services Center offers advice and assistance with numerous degree seeking programs and college-level tests.



U.S. Air Force photo
The Education Services Center helps enlisted Airmen work through and complete their Community College of the Air Force degrees. The CCAF is the only two-year, degree-issuing institution serving enlisted members exclusively. Shown above are the CCAF graduates from Columbus AFB in 2008.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Edward Hodge, Education Services Officer, 2nd Lt. Julian Mapp and 2nd Lt. Wilson on their veteran's education benefit eligibility March 25 at the Education Services Center.